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TO: Consumers receiving Caregiver Support services, families, providers, and other stakeholders who support individuals with disabilities in Indiana

FROM: Peter Bisbecos, DDRS Director

RE: **Caregiver Support Services**

DATE: February 15, 2010

The priority of the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS), a program of the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), is to support the health and welfare of individuals with disabilities in Indiana. In July 2007, BDDS introduced Caregiver Support services, a program funded by 100% state dollars. This service is designed to provide temporary relief to caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities, who are not receiving any other services. Since its inception, we have been able to provide support to over 800 individuals with Caregiver Supports, however, due to an overwhelming response we are very close to reaching our state's annual budget capacity for this service.

To ensure we do not exceed the state's budget for this service the following changes apply:

- Effective immediately, and until June 30, 2010:
Providers of Caregiver Support services will only be reimbursed for services prior to the date of this bulletin.
- Effective State Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011):
Should budget approval occur for this service, individuals who would like services for fiscal year 2011, should go to their district BDDS office on or after July 01, 2010. Should funds become available, services will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Within the next few days, BDDS will be mailing this bulletin to individuals with currently approved budgets for Caregiver Support Services. Please direct questions or concerns to your local BDDS office or contact us through the following DDRS/BDDS resources:

- **DDRS Website:** <http://www.ddrs.IN.gov>
- **DDRS Bulletin Archive:** <http://www.IN.gov/fssa/ddrs/3350.htm>
- **BDDS Help Line by E-mail:** BDDSHelp@fssa.IN.gov
- **BDDS Help Line by Phone:** (317) 232-7820 or 1-(888)-545-7763

Thank you.

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